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The leather girdle has, as is natural, a southern distribution. Thus, we find it among the Lengua¹⁾.

The Choroti, Mataco and Ashluslay men always have a little bag, in which they carry their pipe, tobacco, small tools, trinkets, etc. This custom is to be found among many tribes throughout S. America, though by no means among all.

Other tribes, again, though they have little bags of different kinds, do not always carry them, as the Choroti, Mataco and Ashluslay do, for which reason I assume that this custom, too, reached the Chaco under the cultural influence of the tribes in the Andes.

Of the following tribes whom I visited on my travels, the men always carry a little bag: Ashluslay, Aymara, Chiriguano, Choroti, Mataco, Quichua, Tapiete and Toba.

The Choroti and the Ashluslay have several forms of bags. As a rule these are made of caraguatá. The bags of the Choroti are occasionally made of wool.

¹⁾ HAWTRKY, p. 282.